

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 15

Introduced by Assembly Member Evans

February 15, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15— Relative to In-Home Supportive Services Caregiver Recognition Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 15, as introduced, Evans. In-Home Supportive Services Caregiver Recognition Week.

This bill would proclaim the second week of November to be In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Caregiver Recognition Week, and would recognize, and commend the contributions of IHSS caregivers who give their time, patience, care, and support to their families and the entire community.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For over a quarter of a century California has
2 provided home care services to a very high proportion of its
3 residents through a unique, fiscally sound alternative to
4 institutional care; and

5 WHEREAS, That home care program, In-Home Supportive
6 Services (IHSS), is now recognized nationally and is being
7 replicated in other states as the preferred way to provide
8 assistance to people who need long term care; and

9 WHEREAS, IHSS now serves nearly 345,000 aging, disabled,
10 and blind residents at one fifth of the cost to tax payers as care
11 provided in nursing homes; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 325,000 IHSS caregivers provide home
13 care services and support, making it possible for 345,000

1 low-income disabled and elderly residents in California to remain
2 living independently in their homes; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2004, numerous national organizations joined
4 together in declaring the month of November as National Home
5 Care Month to Recognize, honor and support the valuable
6 contributions of home care workers; and

7 WHEREAS, Providing services and support for the disabled
8 and elderly to remain living in their homes is a humane,
9 dignified, and compassionate alternative to hospitalization or
10 other institutional placement; and

11 WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS caregivers
12 requires great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment,
13 dedication, and compassion; and

14 WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS caregivers is both
15 physically demanding and emotionally challenging; and

16 WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS caregivers
17 promotes independence, dignity, and quality-of-life for
18 California's disabled and elderly residents; now, therefore be it

19 *Resolved By The Assembly Of The State Of California, the*
20 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims
21 the second week of November as In-Home Supportive Services
22 Caregiver Recognition Week; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* that the Legislature recognizes and commends the
24 contributions of IHSS caregivers who give their time, patience,
25 care and support to their families and the entire community.